

**REGULAR MEETING  
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
APRIL 7, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Legislator Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin, Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh, Keith Tourtillott, Betty Jo Wozniak and Gregory Askenette. MEMBERS ABSENT: Eugene Caldwell (excused), and Kenneth A. Fish (unexcused). Also present: Dave Corn, Gerald Warrington, Warren Wilber Sr., and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence.

Gregory Askenette said a short prayer.

3. Election of Officers and Approval of By Laws.

The Committee would like to table this item until a full Committee is present.

**Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to table this item until a full Committee is present. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Caldwell and Fish).**

4. Approval of Minutes dated February 4, 2009.

There were no corrections necessary.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes dated February 4, 2009 with any potential corrections. Second was by Gregory Askenette. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Tourtillott) and 2 absent (Caldwell and Fish).**

Please note: Keith Tourtillott qualified his abstention as follows: “not present”.

5. Pamonicutt Property: Repair and Renovation Budget per MTL Motion.

The Committee discussed what repairs are needed and where the money for the repairs would be acquired from. Antiquated plumbing, electrical, heating needs, and minor aesthetics are the repairs needed immediately. The Committee was informed that the Language and Culture Commission would be moving out to this property to use as a central hub to teach our youth/youth adults the Menominee language, sponsor cultural activities, and other programs that will assist in revitalizing our language and culture.

The building has already been vandalized, repairs are needed and for the past several years, the Language and Culture Department has been requesting their own building. The Committee reviewed the proposed requested amount of \$52,000.00, and this amount just covers the minimum costs. After much discussion on what repairs are actually needed, the Committee agreed that the amount up to \$80,000.00 is more realistic to insure that the project is completed with the spreadsheet work that was received from the Committee.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend to the Legislature to amend the Fiscal Year 2009 Tribal Budget by including up to \$80,000.00 to the Tribal Budget utilizing Fiscal Year 2008 carry over funds for renovations and repair to the Language and Culture Commission Building (George Pamonicutt building). Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Caldwell and Fish).**

6. Utility Department Request: Increase in Budget Due to Winter Freeze Ups.

Dave Corn informed the Committee that his Department will need additional dollars due to the additional winter hardships that were experienced this year. Mr. Corn does budget for unforeseen expenses, but this year's winter was extremely harsh and as of today, the frost is still in the ground. The Committee agreed that the additional amount can be financed from the FY 2008 carry over funding.

The Committee also discussed how the Utility Department could collect the Accounts Receivables that are in arrears to the Utility program.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend to the Legislature to meet the unmet needs of the Tribal Utility Department and have the amount of \$35,000.00 come from the Tribal Reserve Fiscal Year 2009 Tribal Budget and transfer this amount to the Utility Department (due to the winter freeze ups). Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Caldwell and Fish).**

7. Adjournment.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Caldwell and Fish).**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder  
Chairman's Staff